

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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NATIONAL INNOVATION FOUNDATION
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of projects/proposals received and approved by the National Innovation Foundation for encouraging grass root innovations; and

(b) the total amount of grant/financial assistance given to individuals for grass root innovations as on December 31, 2004?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL)

(a) The National Innovation Foundation (NIF) identified 51,922 traditional practices and grass root innovations from over 300 districts in the country. The NIF, through the help of experts, short-list innovations and practices for awards, support for technical or business development, participating in exhibitions and agriculture fairs and R&D assistance. About 675 innovators have been helped for these activities.

(b) The National Innovation Foundation (NIF) has provided grant/financial assistance of Rs.88.13 lakhs to individual innovations by way of awards, support for technical development, prototype development, market testing, grants for participation in exhibitions and obtaining patents.